THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has requested for restoration of LTC facility in the interest of encouraging growth of domestic tourism in the country.

Report of Indian Association of Tour Operators

3022. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleaded to state:

(a) whether Indian Association of Tour Operators has submitted a report on low tourist inflow; and

(b) if so, the details of their views and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Department of Tourism keeps a continuous interaction with various Indian Tourism Industry Associations including Indian Association of Tour Operators for strengthening *inter alia* the marketing efforts to promote India as an attractive tourist destination in the major tourist generating markets. To attract more foreign tourists the Government has taken numerous steps such as promotion of tourist charters, organising familiarisation tours for Tour Operators/Travel Agents/members of print and electronic media, enhanced use of information technology, participation at the inportant Tourism, organising exhibitions like WTM, ITB etc.

Special Economic Packages for Tourist Industry in Jammu and Kashmir

3023. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism is the only key industry in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether terrorism has completely destroyed tourism in Jammu and Kashmir;